



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 3, 2007 - 6:00 pm

San Bruno City Hall
567 El Camino Real
San Bruno, CA 94066

MINUTES

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS -

A. ROLL CALL

<u>TSPC Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
(Acting Chair) Sol Weiner	X	
(Vice-Chair) Peter Jalilie		X
John Giuseponi	X	
Mark Howard	X	
Doris Maez	X	

Staff in Attendance:

Steve Davis, Public Works Department
Frans Lind, Public Works Department
Marc Catalano, Police Department

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve by Mark Howard, seconded by John Giuseponi (M/ Howard, S/Giuseponi: 4-0-0)
Approved.

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None.

4. COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Nomination of new chair and vice chair for 2007 was not placed on the agenda, so action will be taken at the February 2007 meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Frans Lind reviewed issue of red curbing at the Jenevein and Cunningham Way traffic lane taper and bus stop combination, in which staff requested red curbing to prohibit parking on the west side of the bus stop and west end portion of the lane taper. Legal parking at this location currently allows for

parking in the merge lane and could block safe bus merging. Bad weather conditions could also cause a hazard if vehicles are parked within the merge lane. Staff has requested approximately 75 feet of red curbing at this location.

Doris Maez confirmed that there is a travel lane next to the curb that narrows into the merge lane. Frans confirmed this.

Sol Weiner commented that he understands staff's concern regarding this location. Frans commented that Police patrol confirmed there were no vehicles parked at this location in the evening hours, so parking in this neighborhood should not be adversely effected.

Mark Howard made a motion to accept the staff recommendation. Seconded by John Giuseponi. (M/Howard, S/Giuseponi: 4-0-0) Approved.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Frans Lind reviewed a petition request from a number of residents to review the safety of the intersection at San Bruno Avenue and Easton Avenue, near Rolling Pin Donuts. Some of the petitioners are seniors and have difficulty seeing and/or hearing vehicles when crossing at this location. The petitioners asked that a "light sign" be installed. Staff would like the TSPC to consider recommendations for this location. Frans stated the crosswalks at this location will be painted soon, per the City's Streets Division. This will improve the safety of this location.

Mark Howard commented that there are motion sensors for pedestrians entering a crosswalk that cause a flashing light to signal approaching vehicles. They may also be thinking of signs similar to a railway crossing with flashing lights.

Frans commented that the speed limit on this stretch of San Bruno Avenue has been lowered from 30 mph to 25 mph. Sol Weiner stated that they may be referring to lights that run across the street in the crosswalk. The City could look into getting grants for this.

Mark Howard stated the City has received grants for crosswalk enforcement at that location for that specific reason. Drivers do not yield to pedestrians.

Steve Davis commented that City staff went out and looked at the location to review what safety measures could be utilized. The observations were that the crosswalks could be refreshed for improved visual awareness, but the range of possibilities ran from performing basic maintenance to installing a stoplight. Staff looked at the area and found that physical construction solutions would not improve safety. The pedestrian awareness possibilities would be part of a larger project, where we would seek some funding or grants.

Mark Howard confirmed that the closest signalized crossing to this location would be El Camino Real and Huntington. He supported more police patrolling at Easton and San Bruno Avenue, but to add a signal at this location would conflict with the other crosswalks located nearby.

Doris Maez stated the TSPC has previously discussed the options for San Bruno Avenue. One option was to make it one wider lane. A big concern is that the lane markings are not visible, especially with the rainy season coming up. There was also a discussion about having one crosswalk at each intersection instead of two.

John Giuseponi asked if City staff could review the study Merrill Buck did on this location instead of redoing it.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

Tom Hamilton, 3481 Crestmoor Drive, noted the crosswalk by the Senior Center lights up when pedestrians cross.

Steve Davis concurred with the concerns about lane markings, but asked if we want to spend the money if we are going to be repaving that location in six months. Striping the crosswalks and the lanes might be a better way temporarily and it would cost less.

Doris Maez asked if there is a possibility to add some extra markings at the crosswalk at Easton and San Bruno Avenue to make it more visible, instead of just striping? Frans Lind responded that City Street crews no longer have the ability to do centerline striping, so the City would have to hire a contractor to do this. Sol Weiner concurred that all the markings could be re-done with the repaving job.

Steve Davis commented that when the City resurfaces this section, he'd like to restore the crosswalk markings with thermoplastic. The resurfacing will be a late summer or fall project. The interim measure would be to put a fresh coat of paint on the crosswalk, but it would make more sense to wait on any additional markings until the repaving.

Sol Weiner would like to see a generic ad on Channel 11 regarding this issue. Sol asked for City staff to report back to the Committee on their recommendations for the crosswalk.

- b. Frans Lind reviewed a request from a Mrs. Susan Lum, 3210 Sneath Lane, to paint red curb tips on each side of her driveway approach to create extra room to back out of her driveway. The speed limit on Sneath Lane is 35 mph, but the travel lane is 15 feet wide, so she has a wide berth for clear site distance. Also, the stopping site distance is adequate.

Steve Davis stated that based on Frans' analysis of the location, the City is recommending denial of the resident's request

Mark Howard made a motion to accept the staff recommendation. Seconded by Doris Maez. (M/Howard, S/Maez: 4-0-0) Approved.

- c. Steve Davis introduced the resignation letter from former TSPC Committee member Peter Jalilie. The process for filing the vacancy is that the resignation is forwarded to the Mayor, the City Council accepts it, and then there is a 30-day advertising period. After the 30-day time period has passed, the Mayor and the Council will then begin the interview process and make a recommendation. The whole process will take about two months.

Sol Weiner would like to see a TSPC Committee member present at the interview process.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ann Marie Peponis, 160 Piedmont Avenue, has a concern about the traffic on Crestmoor coming from the apartments. Piedmont is an arterial and people are going 45 mph. She would like a STOP sign on London Ct, so vehicles will be required to make a complete stop. She is concerned that someone is going to get killed.

Sol Weiner commented that the Committee is very aware of the speed issue on Crestmoor.

Steve Davis state there has been a follow up to do additional markings on Crestmoor and refresh and repost the 25 mph speed limit and the "School Ahead" signs.

Mark Howard recommended logging on to sanbrunopolice.com and putting in a request for a speed trailer. Get in touch with Sergeant Downs and get some solid data on the speeds during different times of the day.

Tom Hamilton, 3481 Crestmoor Drive, stated that the speed zone study that was done on Crestmoor already established the major speeding times and locations. We have already had the speed trailers on Crestmoor a number of times.

Steve Davis stated that the findings from that speed zone study gave us the traffic volume and prompted the City to look at Crestmoor for traffic calming.

John Giuseponi asked when the City is going to do the striping and signage on Crestmoor. Steve Davis responded that when we get a window of dry, mild weather, we can do the striping. This could take a few months, depending on the weather. The work order has been forwarded to our Streets Division and will cover Crestmoor from 280 to San Bruno Avenue.

Sol Weiner stated that it is scheduled, so at least we know it is going to be done. Steve Davis stated that City staff has the control to do pavement markings and signage, but once we start requesting STOP signs, we need to run this by Council. Those type of actions need to have the documentation to support the need.

Mark Howard stated there are three components to traffic safety: engineering, enforcement, and education. In some cases, a STOP sign is not the right answer. A resident could write a letter requesting a three way STOP at the intersection, but it may not give the speed control desired. STOP signs are not intended to control speeding.

Anne Marie Peponis stated that when she first moved to San Bruno, there was not a STOP sign near John Muir School. She and her husband had to get a petition signed and go through the hoops to get it done. She is afraid someone is going to get hurt. John Giuseponi confirmed that this issue is on the City's radar, but sometimes things take longer to get done.

Doris Maez (speaking as a resident), 2251 Fleetwood Drive, had a resident on Crestmoor who wanted to see centerline striping there. Frans Lind responded that Crestmoor could be a good street for this. Mark Howard commented that he thought the striping already existed.

Tom Hamilton, 3481 Crestmoor Drive, stated this meeting marks his one-year anniversary of attending meetings in order to resolve the speed issue on Crestmoor. He does not feel that this issue is a priority and feels this issue keeps being put off. The weather was fine in July and nothing was done. The City Council was made aware of this problem as well but nothing seems to make a difference.

Steve Davis stated he began working for the City in October. City staff is trying to be more responsive to the items we have control over administratively. We are committed to this issue but it is not going to happen while the street is wet.

Mark Howard asked when the speed survey on Crestmoor was completed. Steve responded that it came out in May 2006.

Doris Maez commented that staff turnover contributed to the lack of response and for the cancellation of meetings also. Steve Davis agreed and stated staff is now becoming more organized at planning for future requests.

Tom Hamilton asked City staff to consider a STOP sign at Piedmont, as it is difficult for residents to turn left or right. Sol Weiner noted that this would be reviewed.

Tom Hamilton also asked for a review of the speed from the Senior Center all the way up Crystal Springs, down Crestmoor to John Muir. There needs to be a STOP sign because by the time vehicles reach Crestmoor, they are traveling so fast that they forget they're in a residential area. Mark Howard responded that he reviewed the numbers for the past five years and found that right of way accidents in the Crestmoor neighborhood had tripled. Tom Hamilton would like the engineers for the City look at the issue. Mark Howard responded that the three "e's" are the key to changing the speeding problem: engineering, education and enforcement. Tom responded that the new signs will be the education aspect and the engineering is being requested tonight. The Police Department is short handed so enforcement is an issue. When the speed study was done on Crestmoor, a motorcycle officer parked

on Crestmoor was never still for more than five minutes. Mark Howard responded that contacting Sergeant Downs and getting the trailer out there would give the residents the data they need.

Resident of San Bruno asked for an update on the light sign request on Easton and San Bruno Avenue. She stated she was not notified that it would be discussed tonight. Sol Weiner responded that the issue was discussed earlier in the meeting. Frans Lind also stated that notices were sent out to the surrounding neighborhood regarding tonight's meeting. Mark Howard stated the agenda for each month's meeting is posted with the City Clerk 48 hours before the meeting, so if residents are unsure they can get a copy before the meeting.

The resident asked for an update on the discussion of the issue. Steve Davis stated that the intersection was reviewed for potential pedestrian improvements, such as the crosswalk markings, which are going to be freshly painted. We looked at potential solutions, but a stoplight is not warranted, as there are protected crossings at both Huntington and El Camino. A STOP sign does not work, as San Bruno Avenue is an arterial and the traffic needs to keep moving, so the recommendation was that the striping would be refreshed and that will be the safety improvement. Further improvements to the lane markings may come in the future with grant funding. Mark Howard also commented that grant money could be used for increased police enforcement for pedestrians.

The resident was concerned because there are two prominent businesses at the location, Rolling Pin Donuts and Araujos Restaurant, so perhaps additional enforcement as well as some signs. The lighted crosswalks are very visible especially at night.

8. STAFF UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- A. Frans Lind gave an update on the request by Nick Lopez for audible traffic signals at Jenevein and Crystal Springs Road. This will be incorporated into a CIP Improvement Project in the future.
- B. Frans Lind stated the request for traffic calming from Ms. Alta Evangelist in the form of speed bumps and STOP signs at DeSoto Way and Bayview Avenue was reviewed with the City Engineer of Millbrae, as this location is actually in Millbrae. Millbrae did a traffic count at DeSoto and based on the findings was not in favor of a STOP sign at this location. San Bruno City staff had previously explained to the residents the current City policy regarding speed bumps, which are in the review phase with the Cypress Avenue project.
- C. Frans Lind stated the staff report is being prepared for the Cypress Avenue Traffic Calming Project to go to the City Council at the January 23, 2007 meeting. City staff distributed questionnaires to residents on Cypress, Elm, Acacia and San Felipe and we are gathering data from those responses. Police have also done speed studies both before installation and after in different locations along Cypress.
- D. The proposed traffic signal design at Shelter Creek Lane and San Bruno Avenue has progressed, as a final consultant has been chosen. The City should be receiving a work plan from the consultant shortly. The design phase should be completed by June or July and actual construction should take about four months, so the signal should be complete by January 2008.

9. SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING TSPC ITEMS

- A. For the February 7, 2007 meeting, Frans Lind stated there was a request for a four-way STOP at Santa Dominga Ave. at S. San Anselmo Ave. and staff is now conducting studies to warrant this.
- B. Also at the February meeting, San Bruno Ave. at 6th Ave., a new signal light was requested by ACORN. City staff is also doing field studies regarding this request.
- C. The intersections of Sneath Lane at Monterey Dr. and Jenevein Ave. at San Mateo Ave. for bus/vehicle movement conflict will be reviewed at the March 2007 meeting.
- D. Mark Howard's request for semi parking at Sneath and Seabiscuit has not been scheduled.

10. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Doris Maez stated the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee reviewed a diagram for potential spots for audible signals, and also discussed having a local contest for the best routes for pedestrians and bicyclists throughout the City and work with local schools to design signs for this. We also discussed the location of the VA Clinic near Tanforan and BART, but it is difficult for pedestrians to cross El Camino Real. The Committee reviewed pedestrian access at the Crossing and Sneath at El Camino Real, as these are two difficult locations for pedestrians to cross.

11. ADJOURNMENT –

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until it's next regular scheduled meeting on February 7, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

(M/Maez, S/Howard): 4-0-0 - Approved. Meeting Adjourned, 8:00 pm.